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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 19, 2003
10:10 A.M.

The City Council met in special session at the above place and date at 10:10 a.m., the following Council Members answered roll call: Susan Austin, Robert A. Cushing, Jr., Jose Alexandro Lozano, John Cook, Daniel S. Power, and Anthony Cobos. Absent: Paul J. Escobar. Late arrival: Vivian Rojas.

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AGENDA

Discussion and action on the electronic voting system.

Ms. Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk, opened the meeting and noted for the record that the following City Representatives were present: Austin, Cushing, Lozano, Cook, Power, and Mayor Pro Tem Cobos.

Representative Rojas arrived shortly after the roll call.

Representatives Cushing, Cook, Power, Rojas, Austin, Lozano, and Cobos asked questions of and received briefings from City staff called forward.

Ms. Rita Rodriguez, City Attorney, explained applicable legal issues.

Ms. Momsen explained the procedure for and advantages of utilizing the electronic voting system, in conjunction with oral votes; however, she explained that the Information Technology Department programmers would agree to write an extraction program in order to interpret the current "1"s and "0"s appropriately.

Mr. Byron Johnson, Purchasing Director, explained that the decision whether or not to utilize the electronic voting system had not yet been determined; therefore, the programmers had not written the extraction program as of yet. He complimented Mr. Ed Ozogar, Information Technology Department, for bringing the software and hardware equipment to fruition. He stated that the IT programmers would be able to write the software program in order that the City Council voting information be made available for public use within two weeks.

Representative Cook moved to adopt the electronic voting with the understanding that the City Clerk would announce the results of the vote and, if the votes were not unanimous, the City Clerk would verbally poll the Council for the results of the vote. There was no second.

Representative Cushing moved that Council Members continue roll call votes and, following the oral votes, Council Members press the electronic keypad to "enter" the vote. After the votes have been cast, they be tabulated and displayed for public information. Representative Power seconded.

Ms. Momsen displayed the City Clerk's voting sheets for Council Members' information as what was used at present and added that the audio and video recordings of the meeting(s) were an additional resource

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Motion made by Representative Cushing, seconded by Representative Cook and unanimously carried to adjourn the Legislative Review Committee of the Whole at 10:50 a.m.

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT: APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk   Lisa Elizondo, City Attorney